## OTHER FUEL & WEATHERIZATION RESOURCES

#### **HeatWorks**

# $www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/hos/A\_HeatWorks.asp \\ 617.635.0338$

For eligible senior homeowners 60 years of age and older, and families with young children, who are owner-occupants of a residential 1-4 family property in Boston and income eligible. Services: weatherization/insulation; replacement of broken heating system with an energy efficient one and technical assistance from construction specialists.

#### **Cold Relief Heatline**

## www.mass.gov/dhcd | 1.800.632.8175

Information about the heating and weatherization assistance program.

• Weatherization Assistance Program assists residents in reducing heating bills by sending a professional to do an energy inspection and make suggestions.

#### MassSAVE

#### www.masssave.com/customers | 1.866.527.7283

Provides year-round home energy solutions to save you money and improve your home's energy performance.

## Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership

## www.mbhp.org | 1.800.272.0990

Utility workshops with information on applying for fuel assistance and low-income discounted rates on your utilities, receiving protections on your utility accounts, negotiating payment plans with utility companies, information on weatherization and heating tips, & more.

## **Winter Heating Season Frequently Asked Questions**

www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy
On heat assistance, utility discounts,
and Utility Shut Off Protection.

MAYOR'S 24-HOUR CONSTITUENT SERVICES LINE WWW.CITYOFBOSTON.GOV/MAYOR/FOOD\_FUEL.ASP 617.635.4500

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### **Boston Home Center**

#### www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/bhc | 617.635.HOME

Resources including: Buying a Home, Home Repairs, and Foreclosure Prevention.

### **Boston Emergency Shelter Commission**

#### www.cityofboston.gov/shelter | 617.635.4507

Provides information and referrals for individuals and families who are in need of food assistance or who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

#### **Veteran Services**

## www.cityofboston.gov/veterans | 617.635.3026

Needs-based assistance available for Honorably Discharged Veterans (form D.D. 214 required). Eligibility determined in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 115, Boston residence required. Widows, spouses and minor children of veterans may also be eligible (an application is needed to make determination).

## **Environmental and Energy Services**

#### www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy

"Lower Your Utility Bills and Green Your Home" & "Residential Energy Saving Tips"

### Ask before you sign an oil heat contract?

www.mass.gov/Eoca/docs/doer/pub\_info/oil-c.pdf

## **Mayor's Health Line**

1.800.847.0710

#### **Boston Earned Income Tax Credit**

www.cityofboston.gov/bra/eitc | 617.918.5275

## **Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs**

www.cityofboston.gov/consumeraffairs

## **Mayor's Office of New Bostonians**

www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians

## United Way's Massachusetts Community Support Fundraising

http://csf.supportunitedway.org/csf

#### YOU CAN HELP!

If you are looking to help, consider volunteering your time or making a donation to a local nonprofit working on food and fuel.







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The Mayor's Food & Fuel Campaign is a partnership among government, business and non-profit organizations that are helping residents and small businesses address the rising costs of food and fuel.

This brochure and the online list of resources will help you connect with services that you may be eligible for. Please share these resources with a neighbor, or volunteer your time with a food & fuel community partner.

## **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

## FIND A FOOD PANTRY OR MEAL PROGRAM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## **Project Bread FoodSource Hotline**

www.projectbread.org | 1.800.645.8333 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

**Greater Boston Food Bank Agency Online Locator** www.gbfb.org

# APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS OR OTHER INCOME SUPPLEMENTS

## Project Bread's Tips & Food Stamp Application Assistance

www.gettingfoodstamps.org

#### **Department of Transitional Assistance**

www.mass.gov/dta | 1.800.249.2007 Food Stamp information & application.

#### **Mass Resource**

## www.massresources.org | 1.800.997.2555

Provides an overview on Food Stamps, download an application, and customer service.

#### School Free & Reduced Meals & Summer Meals

www.meals4kids.org | 617.723.5000

MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Child Nutrition Outreach Program.

#### **BPS School Free & Reduced Meals**

#### www.bostonpublicschools.org/node/12

Download a form. Completed forms can be given to the cafeteria manager or attendant at your child's school.

## **Food Project's Boston Bounty Bucks**

www.thefoodproject.org/boston-bounty-bucks 617.442.1322 x13

Use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at Farmers' Markets for fresh produce.

#### OTHER FOOD RESOURCES

#### Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

www.mass.gov/wic | 1.800.WIC.1007

A free federal program that provides healthy food, nutrition & health information to all types of qualified Massachusetts families.

### **City of Boston Elderly Nutrition Services**

www.cityofboston.gov/elderly | 617.635.4366

- Congregate Lunch Sites 40 locations throughout the Boston area. Suggested donation for the meal is \$1.75 to help defray the production and delivery cost of the meal.
- Meals on Wheels The Boston Elderly Commission oversees home delivered meals to seniors. These meals are served to elders who are unable to leave their homes due to illness, disability or frailty.

#### **American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay**

www.bostonredcross.org | 617.274.5200 x5596 Offers emergency assistance & a food pantry.

#### Serve New England

#### www.servenewengland.org

Offering deep discounts on quality grocery, meat, and vegetable items to community minded individuals willing to volunteer 2 hours of their time each month to a worthy case.

# Public Health Commission New Healthy Food on a Budget Blog

www.bphc.org

Resources, recipes & tips on healthy cooking.

## **FUEL ASSISTANCE**

#### Mayor's No Heat Line

www.cityofboston.gov/mayor/24 | 617.635.4500 or Inspectional Services weekdays 617.635.5322

#### **ABCD's Fuel Assistance Program**

#### www.bostonabcd.org | 617.357.6012 x11

Provides help paying heating bills to qualifying households. (apply as of Nov 1, 2009) Low-Income Energy Programs (LIHEAP)

#### **Citizens Energy**

### www.citizensenergy.com | 1.877.563.4645

Allows families to purchase one-time deliveries of discount home heating oil.

#### Mass. Energy Consumers Alliance

www.massenergy.org | 1.800.287.3950

An energy cooperative for any household, regardless of income, who wants to save on heating and electricity costs.

#### **Boston Buying Power**

1.888.317.3923 | www.bostonbuyingpower.com Small businesses group together for energy contract and management to receive better rates and support.

### **Good Neighbor Energy Fund**

## www.magoodneighbor.org | 1.800.334.3047

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund offers one-time grants to eligible consumers who may not qualify for other means of assistance to pay their energy bill.

# NSTAR: Financial Assistance, Fuel Assistance and Forgiveness Programs

www.nstar.com | 1.800.566.2080 or email customer.service@nstar.com

• 65 Plus and Double Notice Protection Keeps those households with all members 65 years of age or older from receiving a final notice on their electric bill, with an option to allow NSTAR to notify a relative or friend about overdue bills.

#### **National Grid**

## www.nationalgridus.com | 1.888.211.1313

Offers payment assistance for those having trouble paying their bill.